

The Gift of a Catholic Education today...

Mission

For over 150 years St. Mary Parish and School have been dedicated to instilling Catholic values and a strong academic foundation for generations of children. With the changing times, we see a continual need for that firm foundation which will provide our children with the tools to lead a faith-filled life.

Many still believe in the gift of a Catholic education; however, it can be a struggle for some families. We realize this and would like to help those families. We are offering those who strongly believe in Catholic education the opportunity to give the gift of education through our **Sponsor-A-Student** program.

Opportunities

St. Mary School students learn in a highly motivated environment that allows them the opportunity to grow academically and spiritually. The St. Mary Church family welcomes students and encourages them to be contributing members of our parish family. Our students are committed to their studies and show their responsibility as stewards of Christ by sharing their time and talents. Students are involved in parish life by serving Mass, singing in the choir, participating in providing meals for our community, keeping our campus clean and beautiful, connecting with the

elderly and supporting the needs of others in our community.

Education at St. Mary reaches beyond the textbooks. Every day our students' education is centered on living in Christ's Light. We are committed to that mission and hope that others may see that every child is given the opportunity to learn and grow in Christ's Light.

Choice

By giving the gift of education through the **Sponsor-A-Student** program, you will be a part of a student's continuing education. You may choose to become involved in getting to know the student(s) by attending that child's school programs, sporting events, academic achievements or visiting with them during school and parish functions.

You may also choose to be anonymous. We are very grateful for your continued support and would like to accommodate your wishes.

You may wish to either Sponsor-A-Student from St. Mary Parish or from the Elyria community. Some children in our community may not have the opportunity to attend a Catholic school, but with your support and faith, you could make a difference for their future. Generations of families have seen and believed in our mission. We look forward to continuing in Christ's Light.

My Gift Amount:

- \$2,600 Full Scholarship
- \$1,300 Half Scholarship
- \$750
- \$500
- \$250
- Other \$ _____
- Matching gift from business \$ _____

Yes, I Want to Make a Difference!

First and Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____

Checks may be made payable to:
St. Mary School Sponsor-A-Student

Would like to Sponsor-A-Student from:
 St. Mary School
 St. Mary Community

...will **Make a Difference** in a Child's life tomorrow!

Possibilities

Religious Program

Daily religion classes
School and grade level Masses
Daily prayer in classrooms
Preparation for the Sacraments of
 Reconciliation (grade 2)
 Holy Communion (grade 2)
 Confirmation/Parish (grade 8)
Teaching of values and morals
 as part of each child's daily program
Support for the importance of family
Opportunities to receive the
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Community Service

Academic Program

Enrichment (grades 3-8)
Honor roll (grades 4,5,6,7,8)
Math levels (7 & 8 grades)
Library
Remedial math & reading instruction
Psychological services
Computer, music, art and physical education
Cooperative grouping
Accelerated Reader Program
Educational field trips
Assemblies
IAT—Intervention Assistance Team
Intervention Specialist
Instrumental music program
Standardized Testing
(Iowa Tests of Basic Skill and Cognitive Abilities)

Extracurricular Program

Student Council
Ski Club
Scouting Program
Cougar Choir
Band
Guardian Angel Arts Center
School Yearbook
Academic Challenge
Altar Servers
Student Lectors
Grade 3 Flutophones
Junior Achievement
Future Catholic Teachers Club
CYO Sports Program (4—8)
 football, basketball,
 cross country, track,
 cheerleading, volleyball
Cougar Journalism Club
Arts & Craft Club
Power of the Pen
School Literary Magazine



*St. Joseph Building
Hallway is filled with
smiling faces.*

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*Pre-schoolers busily
working in the library.*